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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7TH JULY, 2024: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU."**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ex 2:2-5: The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-44

OUR EYES ARE ON THE LORD OUR GOD, TILL HE SHOW US HIS MERCY.

Second Reading: 2Cor 12:7-10: Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mk 6:1-6: Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

REFLECTION

Beloved in Christ, just as Paul in today's second reading was called by Christ to be an apostle to the Gentiles in Corinth, so does God call us for specific missions. God goes on to equip those called for these missions with the necessary tools we need; hence, as Paul was blessed with abundant revelations and great leadership skills, we, based on our various charisms, also have the privilege of being endowed with various spiritual gifts and leadership skills, all for the good of the mission. In all this, we need to be mindful that the grace of God has always been sufficient for us to carry on with the work. Hence, let us always learn and work to grow daily, not in our weaknesses, though they may be thorns in our flesh, but in the perfection of Christ so that His power may continue to rest upon us and enable us to fulfil the mission.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 8TH JULY, 2024 Hos 2:16,17c-18,21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26	Tue 9TH JULY, 202 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Co. Hos 8:4-7,11-13 Ps 115:4-8 Mt 9:32-38
Wed 10TH JULY, 2024 Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7	Thurs 11TH JUNE, 2024 St. Benedict, Abbot Hos 11:4,8c-9 Ps 80:2-3,15-16 Mt 10:7-15
Fri 12TH JUNE, 2024 Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17 Mt 10:16-23	Sat 13TH JUNE, 2024 St. Henry, BVM Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:11-14 Mt 10:24-33

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Am 7:12-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14
Second Reading	Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Gospel	Mk 6:7-13

Mass Schedule for Next Sunday

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
First Mass: 7.00 am	First Mass: 6.30 am
Second Mass: 9.30 am	Second Mass: 9.30 am



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

STOLE, A LITURGICAL GARMENT

Stole, a liturgical vestment composed of a strip of material from two to four inches wide and about eighty inches long. It has either a uniform width throughout, or is somewhat narrower towards the middle, widening at the ends in the shape of a trapezium or spade. A small cross is generally sewn or embroidered on the stole at both ends and in the middle; the cross, however, is prescribed only for the middle, where the priest kisses the stole before putting it on. There are no express precepts concerning the material of the stole, but silk, or at least a half-silk fabric, is most appropriate. Stoles for festivals are generally ornamented with embroidery, especially what are called “vesper stoles”.

PRESENT USE— The stole is worn only by deacons, priests, and bishops. For deacons and priests, it is the specific mark of office, being the badge of the diaconal and priestly orders. The wrongful use of the stole by sub deacons, therefore, would imply the usurpation of a higher order and would constitute an irregularity. Deacons wear the stole like a sash, the vestment resting on the left shoulder and thence passing across the breast and back to the right side. The stole of the priest extends from the back of the neck across the shoulders to the breast, where the two halves either cross each other or fall straight as the stole is worn over the Alb or the surplice.

The stole is worn by a bishop in the same manner as a priest, except that it is never crossed on the breast, as a bishop wears the pectoral cross. As a mark of order, the stole is used in a special ceremony, at the ordination of deacons and priests. At the ordination of deacons, the bishop places it on the left shoulder of the candidate saying: “Receive from the hand of God the white garment and fulfill thy duty, for God is mighty enough to give thee His grace in rich measure.” At the ordination of priests, the bishop draws the part of the stole that rests at the back of the candidate’s neck forward over the breast and lays the two ends crosswise, saying: “Receive the yoke of the Lord, for His yoke is sweet and His burden is light.” The Sacred Congregation of Rites has made a large number of decisions concerning the use of the stole.

As a general rule, it may be stated: the stole is only used and must be used, at a function peculiar to the deacon, priest, and bishop, a function that presupposes the order (e.g., at the celebration of Mass, when the Blessed Sacrament is touched when the sacraments are administered)

PRAYER FOR GOD’S INTERVENTION IN OUR

Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank you for our faith and for the gift of our church community. We thank you for how far you have brought us as a parish. You have been our refuge in times past and our hope for years to come.

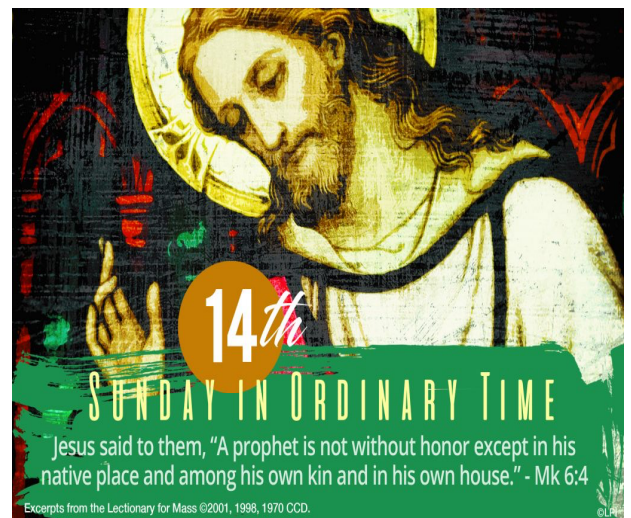
We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

For the Court of Justice, we pray that you will give them the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding that they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone. May they not yield to deceit and acts of bribery and corruption but uphold the truth and let justice prevail.

May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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| St. Thomas More..... | Pray for us |
| St. John Fisher..... | Pray for us |
| All you Angels and Saints | Pray for us |

ORDINARY TIME II



SOCIETAL & GROUP MEETINGS

❖ TODAY

- a. Northern Union after the 7.00am Mass at STM.
- b. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus after the 7.00am Mass at STM.
- c. St. Francis of Assisi, Nigerian Community after the 9.30am Mass at SJF.

❖ NEXT WEEK

- a. Ave Maria Society after the 7.00am Mass at STM.
- b. Holy Family Akan Kuo after the 9.30am Mass at STM.
- c. Parish Pastoral Council after the 9.30am Mass at SJF.

OFFERTORY FOR NEXT SUNDAY

❖ STM

- a. 7.00 am Mass: Ave Maria Society.
- b. 9.30 am Mass: Holy Family Akan Kuo.

❖ SJF

- a. 6.30 am Mass: All Parishioners.
- b. 9.30 am Mass: Knights & Ladies of St. John International.



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Ss Thomas more & John Fisher

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MOTIVATION

THE STORY OF THE SONGBIRDS

Early in the morning, the father was looking out the window as usual. The kid asked his father why do you look so much out of the window every morning, Dad?

The father replied: I admire the songbirds that stand together on the telephone wire, sing, and then fly to look for food.

Son: what else do you like about these birds, Dad?

Father: I think they are the happiest creatures on earth because they stand above telephone wires.

These wires carry many conversations that cross from house to house and from village to village, containing happy and sad conversations, but all these news and conversations pass under the feet of birds and the birds do not lose their inner peace.

Moral: Dear friends put the news of the world under your feet, ignore it as these birds do, and do not let it break your heart or occupy your mind or threaten your inner peace and psychological comfort.

YOUTH CORNER

**THE PYC
WOULD LIKE TO
CALL FOR
WRITERS FOR
THE
YOUTH CORNER.
INTERESTED
PERSONS SHOULD
CONTACT AMA
ON 0578041989**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded and encouraged to pay our Harvest levy of GH¢100 per Adult, GH¢50 per working Youth and GH¢20 per child. Those in arrears of Harvest Levy, and pledges are entreated to redeem them and also fulfill all other Church Financial Obligations. (e.g., Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund).
2. Those who have pledged for the Legacy of Hope Project are also reminded and entreated to redeem them.
3. Our Lady of Grace Senior High School is seeking to admit 280 students into first year in the 2024/2025 academic year. Interested applicants are to sit for the entrance examinations in English Language, Mathematics and Science. The examinations are slated to take place on Saturday 20th July, 2024 at 21 centers across the country. To apply for the entrance examinations, please visit our school's website on www.olagshs.edu.gh or apply.olagshs.edu.gh or check the notice board for more details.
4. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Knights & Ladies of St. John International of their visits to Kissehman Group B this month.
5. **Funeral Arrangements**
The Funeral Arrangements of **Paa John Gaveh Ahiable**, father of **Mr. Justice Gaveh** of the Amalgamated Community is as follows:
 - i. **Friday, 26th July, 2024:** Family vigil at his residence, House No AN/6, Jericho Road, Valco Flats Down, Ashaiman.
 - ii. **Saturday, 27th July, 2024:** Filing past at Tema Joint Church, Community 7, (presided over by AME Zion Church) from 6.30 am and Burial Service at 8.00am prompt. Funeral rites: at Tema Joint Church grounds, Community 7
 - iii. **Sunday, 28th July, 2024:** Thanksgiving Service, A.M.E. Zion Church, Bethel Society, Ashaiman at 9.00 am. All are cordially and respectfully invited to mourn with us.

PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 5.00pm at SJF and from 6.30pm at STM.

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: *First Saturday of every month. Please call at the Church's office for a baptismal form. Instructions: Thursday preceding the date for baptism @ 5pm @ STM.*

Visitation to the Sick and Aged: *Thursdays at 7.00 am. Contact the office if you have a sick or aged Person(s) to be visited.*

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made **at least six months to a year** with the priests. The couple or one of them must be a registered member of the Church for **at least 6 months**.

Consultation of Priests: (STM) Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (In the Evenings) Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm. **(SJF) Wednesdays at 5:00pm.** In case of an emergency, call on the Priest.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday: 9am -1pm & 2 pm - 5pm: and Sunday: 9 am - 1.30pm

SLOGAN: Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Besohwɛ!
Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Justice and Truth!!
Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Pray for us!

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING
WITH US.
HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

FINANCE CORNER - ST. THOMAS MORE

WEEKDAYS	STM JUNE WEEK1	STM JUNE WEEK2	STM JUNE WEEK3	STM JUNE WEEK4	STM JUNE WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1124.00	-----	20.00	-----	50.00	1194.00	7 TH
MONDAY	1919.50	30.00	180.00	-----	30.00	2159.50	1 ST
TUESDAY	1965.50	50.00	-----	-----	50.00	2065.50	2 ND
WEDNESDAY	1857.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	1857.00	3 RD
THURSDAY	1533.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	1533.20	5 TH
FRIDAY	1411.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	1411.70	6 TH
SATURDAY	1365.00	-----	200.00	-----	-----	1565.00	4 TH
JUNE BORN	240.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	240.00	
TOTAL	11415.90	80.00	400.00	-----	130.00	12025.90	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JUNE WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	3001.70
SECOND COLLECTION	1670.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	500+\$10
TOTAL	5314.70

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JUNE WEEK1	SJF JUNE WEEK2	SJF JUNE WEEK3	SJF JUNE WEEK4	SJF JUNE WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION
SUNDAY	2012.20	-----	-----	10.00	160.00	2182.20	5 TH
MONDAY	3232.50	1000+\$100	150.00	20.00	20.00	5924.50	2 ND
TUESDAY	1012.00	1000.00	70.00	-----	-----	2082.00	6 TH
WEDNESDAY	1127.00	550.00	100.00	225.00	-----	2002.00	7 TH
THURSDAY	3573.00	100.00	-----	-----	-----	3673.00	3 RD
FRIDAY	2212.50	90.00	-----	5000.00	-----	7202.50	1 ST

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JUNE WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	4501.10
SECOND COLLECTION	2613.60
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	200.00
TOTAL	7314.70

All Foreign Currencies have been converted into Cedis.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA

Presenting

THE FIRST ACCRA ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF

ASSUMPTION

THEME: "We Wish to see Jesus, the Son of Mary" (cf. John 12:21)

MON. 12TH - THUR. 15TH AUGUST, 2024

4:00PM Each Day

PRE-PROGRAMME

- Novena of ASSUMPTION at the Parishes and stations (6th-11th August)
- Deanery Penitential Procession (10th August)
- Parish Adoration - (11th August)

SELECTED GROTTO

- ▲ Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments
- ▲ St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Tema C8
- ▲ St. Mary's Catholic Church, Koluedor
- ▲ St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Dansoman
- ▲ Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Achimota
- ▲ St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Adenta

Note the following:

- There will be NO evening Masses at any parish or station from 12th - 15th August, 2024.
- It is the first of its kind in the Archdiocese so be part of the history and be blessed.